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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ECONOMIC TALKS

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1) DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED
REFTEL A. AND AGREES EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST THAT ALL
WORKING GROUPS MEET HERE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FMG REACTION
TO THIS IDEA AND TO EMBASSY/FMG SUGGESTED AGENDA. WE
SERIOUSLY DOUBT, HOWEVER, IF MID-FEBRUARY DATES STILL
REALISTIC AS PREPARATION OF WORTHWHILE AGENDA AND SE-
LECTION OF DELEGATIONS WILL DEMAND SUBSTANTIAL LEAD TIME.
THIS ESPECIALLY TRUE IF FMG PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL
OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH NON-USG
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INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS BANKERS, BUSINESSMEN, AGRICULTURAL
INSTITUTIONS, ETC- WE BELIEVE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATES
FOR WASHINGTON MEETINGS (CONTINGENT ON RECEIPT OF FMG
VIEWS AND AGENDA) IS WEEK OF FEB. 27; BUT WE SHALL MAKE
MAXIMUM EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE NIGERIANS ON DATES MOST
CONVENIENT FOR THEM.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST AGENDA PROPOSAL BY EMBASSY.
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